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PASS TREASURY FOR JA GRIFFIN

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SUBJ: TREASURY-SUPPORTED FOREIGN INVESTMENT RESEARCH PROGRAM

REF: STATE 268967

1. THE NATURE OF THE CLEARANCE PROCESS IS AS FOLLOWS:
THE FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPT IS THE INITIAL POINT OF CONTACT.
THAT DEPT MAKES AN INTERNAL DETERMINATION AND THEN APPROACHES
THE OTHER DEPTS CONCERNED; IN THIS CASE JUSTICE AND FINANCE.
IF THOSE DEPTS CONCUR, AND THERE IS NO DETERMINATION THAT THE
ISSUES RAISED ARE SUCH AS TO RAISE POLITICAL QUESTIONS OR IMPORTANT
ISSUES OF PRINCIPLE, APPROVAL IS GRANTED. OTHERWISE, AS IN THIS CASE,
THE QUESTION IS PUT TO THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OR AT LEAST A FEDERAL
COUNCILOR FOR APPROVAL.

2. THE POLITICAL DEPT DID APPROVE THE TREASURY STUDY. THE JUSTICE
DEPT'S FIRST RESPONSE WAS THAT THE ANSWER SHOULD BE NEGATIVE, BUT
THAT IF POTENTIAL INTERVIEWEES AGREED, JUSTICE WOULD GO ALONG. THE
POLITICAL DEPT, WORKING ON THE BASIS OF THE LIST PROVIDED IN THE
MATERIAL SENT TO US BY POUCH, THEN WENT TO THE SWISS BANKERS'
ASSOCIATION (SBA), AND HAVING OBTAINED THE APPROVAL OF THE
ASSOCIATION ASKED IT TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PERSUADE THOSE MEMBERS
WHICH SHRIVER ASSOCIATES HAD ALREADY NAMED TO PARTICIPATE.

3. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR HOW MANY OF THE BANKS ON THE EARLIER LIST
HAVE AGREED OR WILL AGREE TO TAKE PART IN THE STUDY. THE EMBASSY
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DID NOT MEAN TO IMPLY THAT ALL OF THEM WOULD HAVE TO DO SO IN

ORDER TO OBTAIN OVERALL GOS APPROVAL. AT THIS POINT ENOUGH OF THEM HAVE AGREED SO THAT THE QUESTION OF GOS APPROVAL CAN BE PRESENTED TO THE FEDERAL COUNCIL. THIS WILL BE DONE AND A DECISION WILL BE MADE ON WEDNESDAY, NOV 19, ACCORDING TO GOS OFFICIALS.

4. THE EMBASSY GAVE THE EXPANDED LIST TO THE POLITICAL DEPT TODAY, NOV 14. THE INITIAL REACTION WAS THAT IT SHOULD CAUSE NO PROBLEMS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SWISS REINSURANCE WHICH IS NOT A BANK AND THEREFORE WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROACHED DIFFERENTLY.

5. IN VIEW OF THE CONCERN EXPRESSED PARA 3 REFTEL THE EMBASSY HAS NOW SUGGESTED TO THE POLITICAL DEPT THAT AS SOON AS APPROPRIATE SHRIVER SEND LETTERS TO ALL FIRMS LISTED IN PARAS 2 AND 3 REFTEL. THESE WERE TWO REASONS FOR MAKING THIS SUGGESTION AND FOR GIVING THE GOS THE FULL LIST. THE FIRST IS THE HOPE THAT EVEN IF SOME OF THOSE APPROACHED BY THE SBA REFUSE, THE LETTERS WOULD PERSUADE THEM TO RECONSIDER. THE SECOND IS THAT ATTEMPTS TO APPROACH ANY FIRM WITHOUT AN INITIAL ADVANCE CONTACT WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE REASONS GIVEN TO US IN PARA 2 OF STATE 265495 FOR SENDING LETTERS OUT ASAP, WHICH WE PASSED ON TO THE GOS, WOULD GENERATE CONFUSION AND MIGHT EVEN UNDO WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE. IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT SHRIVER SEND US LETTERS ADDRESSED TO ALL POTENTIAL INTERVIEWEES.
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